

Reminders

Swimming Pool – please return your keys as the season has now ended.

Touch Uniforms – these need to be returned unless you play in one of the hockey teams.

North Fuels – Fuel for Schools programme, nominate WCS and we receive \$\$ towards new technology. Visit www.northfuels.co.nz

Kindling – For sale \$10 for a banana box full.

Board of Trustees News

Board Elections - Nominations close on Friday 20 May at noon. Extra nomination forms are available from the school office. Remember you can nominate yourself.

Anyone interested in going on the Board of Trustees is invited to attend the Board meeting on Tuesday 17 May at 5.15pm to observe.

Liz Manning, Returning Officer

New Building - The Building consent application is currently being processed by WDC and Ministry of Education.

Grounds - Alannah and Batch are slowly retiring from their school duties so we need to look at how we manage the school grounds. The Community Service Workers come in once a month, however the grounds need caring for more regularly. Any families interested in helping the school by adopting an area to maintain please contact the school. The other alternative is monthly Working Bee's. Tasks include weeding, pruning, fixing fences, concrete areas cleared with the blower.

Liz Manning BOT Secretary

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

17 May	Board Meeting
19 May	Soccer Coaching Clinic
21 May, 2.14pm	Blue Moon
22, 29 May, 12 Jun	Primary School Equestrian Interschool Days
25 May	COP's Winter Sports
26 May	National Young Leaders Day
1 June	COP's Winter Sports Postponement Day
3 June	Community Assembly
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday

Nga mihi
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Newsletter

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Whea te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Two 2016

Week Two – 13 May

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

We hope everyone is enjoying the last warm days of autumn, and are ready to stoke the winter fires.

Tyden Barrett-Marino leaves us and has returned to Auckland. Welcome to school Jackson Rea who joins Kowhai class. Welcome mum Kerry Flay to our parent community. Welcome Ella-rose McLennan to our Kick Start classes. Welcome also to mum Christine and dad Steve.

We welcome Mrs Kathleen Marich who is teaching in the Kowhai class. Mrs Marich will be working with the juniors Monday to Thursdays. Fridays will involve the junior class being integrated into the Totara and Kauri classes to continue their education programme and some morning sessions with Mrs Dimond. Mrs Marich has a passion for music and will be taking groups of children for ukulele lessons for the first part of the term before exploring other musical instruments.

Specialist Soccer Coaching Clinics

We are very fortunate to secure the services of Mark Cooper to help coach our two senior soccer teams. Mark has coached national soccer age grade teams and helped us out last year. He will run two coaching sessions for the 9th and 13th grade teams, the first of which will be next Thursday.



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Proudly Supporting Waitomo Caves School

Thursday 19 May – 2.15pm to 3.00pm – WASP's 9th Grade team
Thursday 19 May – 3.00pm to 4.00pm – Taniwha's 13th Grade team.
The usual Friday after school training session will continue next week alongside this additional session.

COP's Winter Sports

The COP's Winter Sports day will be held on Wednesday 25 May for all Year 3 to 8 children. Students will compete in various sporting disciplines against other teams in the Combined Otorohanga Primary School cluster. Year 7/8 will play rippa rugby at Island Reserve, Year 5/6 netball at Otorohanga netball courts, and Year 3/4 soccer at Otorohanga Domain. Students will require transport to and from games and a pink note will be sent home requesting support for this.
Year 1/2 students will remain at school with Mrs Marich.

National Young Leaders Day

The 2016 National Young Leaders Day is hosted by the Halogen Foundation in Auckland on Thursday 26 May. This is a fabulous opportunity for our senior students to be immersed in an environment where presenters encourage children to be positive and the best that they can be. The speaking team consists of top leaders in business, sport, politics, community service, science and the arts. This year's presenters include Chris Jupp, Zane Scarborough, Billy Graham, Marina Alefosio and more. Please go to www.nyldnz.org for more information. Transport will depart from school at 6.30am and return around 4.30pm.

Hockey Draw Change

Waitomo Fire Sticks - Our request for Tuesday Intermediate game days was overlooked originally however dates have been amended to accommodate players and their commitments to other winter sport codes. Next week will remain the same and from Week 4 onwards games will be on Tuesday's at 3.40pm.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues with the support of fantastic parents coming along weekly to help out. Remember to remind your children to come along and enjoy some Weetbix and milk from 8.00am to 8.20am. This opportunity is sponsored by Sanitarium and Fonterra so the Weetbix and milk are free.

Head Lice

Head Lice appears to be around again. Please check your child's head.

Primary School Equestrian Event

The first of a three day Interschool's Show Hunter challenge takes place on Sunday 22 May at St Peters in Cambridge. All the best to our hard training school team Conner, Emma, Maddison and Seth G. Thank you Jo and Cathy for encouraging these children to get involved.

Kindling or Chippy Wood

The school has large banana boxes of kindling for sale at \$10 per box. Make sure you get your order in before winter sets in. Please phone school if you want to purchase some.

Fundraising

Thank you to all the families and friends of Waitomo Caves School that donated their time to help fundraise at the Waitomo Trail Run. It was great to see everyone go the extra mile doing a themed dress up.

Here is a message from the organisers:

On behalf of the Waitomo Trail Run Team, we would like to say **THANK YOU** for your time and your help last weekend. Our inaugural event was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!

Whether you were helping out at registration, an aid station, at the parking venue, the finish line or marshalling along the course, many of our runners and walkers told us how much they appreciate your energy and enthusiastic support! Thanks a million! ***The Waitomo Trail Run Team***

